

Alaska Monthly Fire Potential Outlook



- **Forecast:**

- Due to the ample snowpack and forecasted cooler temperatures in the south, fire season is expected to have a later than normal start. We are expecting below average fire potential for April. Expect conditions to transition to normal by the end of May. Fire potential is forecast to be normal through the remainder of the season.

- **Factors:**

- Snowpack is near to above normal in northern Alaska & well above normal in South Central Alaska.
- The long range forecast indicates colder than normal conditions will continue across the southern half of the state and drier than normal along the Gulf of Alaska coast.
- La Nina is expected to weaken, with near neutral ENSO conditions by early summer. Past seasons with near neutral ENSO indices have had both a high number and low number of acres burned.